

Application Serial No.: 10/550,391 Attorney Docket No.: 541401-0317768 Reply to Office Action mailed August 10, 2006

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS: Kazu NOZATO CONFIRMATION No.: 1287

SERIAL NUMBER: 10/550,391 EXAMINER: John A. Ricci

FILING DATE: September 22, 2005 ART UNIT: 3711

FOR: BALL THROWING MACHINE

## RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

## Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed **August 10, 2006**, please amend the above- identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned for under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 033975 (**Ref. No. 541401-0317768**).